

**City of Concord  
Park and Recreation  
3-4 Year Old Instructional League  
Rules & Regulations**

National Federation Rules Apply with some exceptions listed below:

**Playing Field**

1. The baseline shall be sixty feet (60' feet)
2. Bases youth league
3. The pitcher's mound will be set at a distance of 35' (feet) from the point of home plate. The circle around the pitcher's mound shall be a radius of 8' (feet).

**Equipment**

1. Baseball – Approved (Level 1) (RF1)(T-Ball)
2. Bat – small barrel and should not exceed 2-1/4 in diameter (Official T-Ball) 24"-26" long and max of 17 to 20 ounces.
3. Cleats or Athletic shoes NO metal cleats
4. Helmets must be worn by batters, base runners and on-deck batters.
5. Tee – adjustable, flexible tube on a moveable base.

**The Game / General Information**

1. Regulation game is 4 innings or **one hour drop dead time**
2. Coach/Pitcher can pitch from anywhere
3. Player pitcher must have one foot inside pitching circle until the batters makes contact.
4. Each batter gets **3 pitches**, then the ball will be placed on a tee until batted into play.
5. There are no strikeouts or walks
6. All players must remain inside dugout while waiting to bat except the on-deck batter.
7. Base stealing is not permitted. The base runner must be in contact with the base at the time the ball is hit by the batter. If a runner leaves the base before the ball is hit, the umpire shall signal to indicate the violation at the time it occurs.
8. The infield fly rule is not in effect.
9. Batted balls that stay in the infield or travel to the outfield will be ruled a single.  
\*\* NOTE the last batter will be allowed to run all the bases. **PLEASE – note that if the ball travels past the infield into the grass area past the players the coaches/parents positioned as defensive coaches my stop the ball so the children can continue with the play.**
10. Teams are to bat the entire roster. An inning is over when all the players have batted once. Players will remain on base and allowed to run the bases even if an out has been recorded. The last batter will run all the bases then the next inning will begin.
11. Every player bats and plays the field. Teams will consist of 6 players.
12. Any player who arrives late may enter the game immediately but be added as the last name of the batting order.
13. Teams do not provide player catchers
14. Scores are not kept for this age group
15. A ball batted must clear and travel past the 5 foot line to be considered live.

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**Offensively** – only the base coaches, hitting coach and the coach pitchers will take positions on the playing field during the game. The base coaches only may instruct the base runners. The position of the base coach must be behind the base but not in-front of defensive player. The coach/pitcher is not allowed to instruct base runners. This will allow the players not to be confused or get frustrated during the game.

**Defensively** – A coach may be positioned in the field between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Two infield coaches are allowed on the infield positioned to the right and left of the pitching circle. Infield coaches must position themselves behind the players, not obstructing the view of the runners or defensive players in the field. (*Unless ball has past all the players; please refer to rule #9*).

The intention of the City of Concord Park and Recreation Department Tee Ball Program is to teach correct baseball procedures in a skill-building environment. Our Tee Ball program is designed as a learning experience and skill development program where the score is not the focus of the game, the children are. The modifications of the game are based on the age group and to allow younger players the ability to develop better skills for the game of baseball.